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under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d))

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)

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This is a request for filing a
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of pending prior nonprovisional application number 08/821,980, filed on
March 21, 1997, entitled TELEVISION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR
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by the following named inventor(s) identified by full name, citizenship,
residence and post office address, which are the same or fewer than all of
the inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application (as of today's
date):

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ATTACHMENT II-A

The above-identified prior nonprovisional application, in which no payment
of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings, has
occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this

request for a continued prosecution application. Please use the file jacket and all the contents of the prior nonprovisional application, including the specification, drawings, and the oath or declaration, as the basic papers for the new continued prosecution application. (Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) may be used for applications where the prior application is not to be abandoned.)

1. Because this continued prosecution application is filed by fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application, please delete from this application the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

2. Priority of application number _____ filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The certified copy of the priority document has been filed in prior application number _____, filed

A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

3. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

_____ References (copies) listed on the Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

4. A separate written request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), which is a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, is enclosed.

5. A Return Receipt Postcard is enclosed (MPEP §503)..

6. Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §1.28(a)(2)):

A statement of status as small entity is enclosed.

A statement of status as small entity was filed in the prior, nonprovisional application, and small entity status is still proper and desired in this new nonprovisional application.

Status as a small entity is no longer claimed.

7. Enter the amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, but unentered, in the prior nonprovisional application.

() A preliminary amendment to the prior nonprovisional application (as it existed prior to the filing of this new application) requesting new changes to the prior nonprovisional application is enclosed, and does not introduce new matter into the prior or new application.

9. (X) The filing fee is calculated below:

Fee Calculation under 37 C.F.R. §1.16
For Claims Existing in the Prior Nonprovisional Application,
As Amended at 7 and 8 Hereinabove

(X) Basic Utility Fee	\$ 760.00	<u>\$ 760.00</u>
• (X) Independent Claims <u>4</u> - 3 = <u>1</u> x \$ 78.00 = \$ <u>78.00</u>		
• (X) Total Claims <u>25</u> - 20 = <u>5</u> x \$ 18.00 = \$ <u>90.00</u>		
• () Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims \$260.00	\$ 0	

or

() Basic Design Fee	\$ 310.00	<u>\$</u> <u> </u>
Total of above Calculations		<u>\$ 928.00</u>
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10. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 and are not paid herewith, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

11. (X) A check in the amount of \$ 928.00 is enclosed.

12. (X) The prior nonprovisional application is assigned of record to Information Resources, Inc.

13. (X) The power of attorney in the prior nonprovisional application is to:

(X) Kenneth H. Samples, Reg. No. 25,747,

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN, & FLANNERY
 Suite 1600
 120 South LaSalle Street
 Chicago, Illinois 60603-3406
 and other members of the firm.

() Customer Number 22242.

14. () A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.

15. () Also enclosed:

16. (X) Address all future communications to Customer Number 22242.



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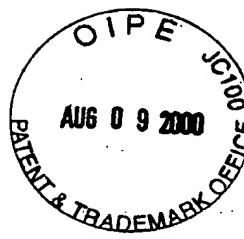
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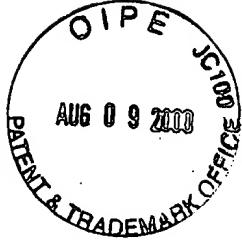
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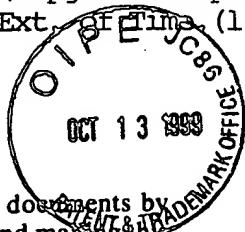
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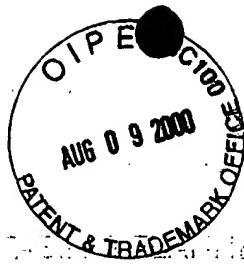
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